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SUBJECT: IAEA/SYRIA: POINTS REBUTTING IAEA INSPECTOR
ABUSHADY PASSED TO SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT

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1. (S//NF) Msnoff met with a senior IAEA inspector involved in the Syria investigation on January 30, during which MsnOff provided reftel points on the Abushady interview in response to an earlier IAEA inquiry. The inspector said that he had been tasked to prepare an internal response to Abushady's claims. That response is ready to deploy should the DG decide it necessary. The Secretariat's points would say: 1) that Abushady was not authorized to give any remarks on behalf of the Agency, and; 2) that the DG's reports to the IAEA Board of Governors on Syria are the authoritative views of the Agency. The inspector added that the Secretariat took the situation very seriously.

2. (S//NF) In response to the inspector's question, Msnoff reviewed the points in the instruction cable, highlighting that Abushady's argument is based on the mistaken presumption that the reactor "buildings" were the same dimensions, when in fact the U.S. presentation referred to the size of the reactor vessel and the plutonium production capacity of the reactor. The inspector nodded in agreement as Msnoff reviewed the points. (Comment: It was clear that there are no concerns within the Secretariat that Abushady's claims have merit.)
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